

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1939 - SB 2568**

February 19, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to administer a grant program, in consultation with the Department of Education (DOE), to create certain positions for local education agencies (LEAs) using Temporary Assistance for Needy Family (TANF) funds. Authorizes DHS to apply for the proper waivers to the federal government to utilize TANF funding for this purpose. Terminates the program on July 1, 2026.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact - Creation and administration of the proposed grant program requires the use of TANF funds which are currently prohibited from being utilized for this purpose. The timing of a federal waiver being granted and the extent of any potential funds available for such use cannot be reasonably determined for any such impact is dependent on action of the federal government.**

Assumptions:

- The TANF program provides assistance to help needy families meet their ongoing basic needs.
- The proposed legislation would require DHS, in consultation with the DOE, to use TANF funds to create positions for LEAs, which is currently a prohibited use of TANF funding.
- In order for the provisions of the proposed legislation to take effect, DHS would need to be granted a waiver by the Department of Health and Human Services.
- If such a waiver were granted, it is assumed that DHS would experience an increase in state expenditures to administer the program.
- The number of positions created by the program would be dependent on the funds made available by the federal government; therefore, the cost associated with creating those positions cannot be reasonably calculated at this time.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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